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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, US, SN, RP

SUBJECT: A-4 TRAINING IN THE PHILIPPINES

REF: (A) SINGAPORE 2610 (B) MANILA 9998 (C) STATE 203561  
(D) SINGAPORE 4874 (26 OCT 76) (E) CINCPAC (NOTAL)  
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1. WE APPROVE EMBASSY APPROACH TO MINDEF STATING THAT CON-  
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CLUSION OF SINGAPORE/PHILIPPINE NEGOTIATIONS FOR ADVANCED  
A-4 TRAINING AT CLARK AB NEED NOT BE DELAYED FURTHER ON  
OUR ACCOUNT. ALSO AGREE WITH MANILA'S RECOMMENDATION AS  
TO APPROACH OUTLINED IN PARAS 2, 3, 4, REFTEL B.

2. IN VIEW OF OBSERVATIONS REFTEL D, EMBASSY NEED NOT  
INSIST THAT GOS GO BACK TO GOP TO QUESTION LANGUAGE THAT

US HAS ALREADY APPROVED THE PROJECT. HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD REITERATE TO GOS THAT THE AGREEMENT HAS NO VALIDITY UNTIL AND UNLESS THE USG GRANTS ITS CONSENT TO THE ARRANGEMENTS AT ISSUE. WHEN BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOS AND GOP IS FULLY WORKED OUT WE EXPECT THAT GOP AND GOS WILL GET TOGETHER WITH US TO SEEK ARRANGEMENTS FOR USE OF CLARK FACILITIES. AS NOTED IN REFTEL E, YOU SHOULD ADVISE GOS THAT EXCESSIVE PHILIPPINE CONTROLS IN PROPOSED AGREEMENT MAY WELL CAUSE SERIOUS COMPLICATIONS IN WORKING OUT

ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WE CAN ACCEPT.

3. FYI. IN VIEW OF THE POTENTIAL OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT TO IMPINGE ON SOME US OPERATING RIGHTS AT CLARK WE WILL WANT TO REVIEW CAREFULLY GOP/GOS SPECIFIC PROPOSAL TO US. FOR REASONS CITED PARA 4, REFTEL B, AS WELL AS OUR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OVER IMPLEMENTATION IT IS IMPORTANT THAT GOP BE INVOLVED IN APPROACH TO USG. AT THE SAME TIME, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE, AS EXPRESSED STATE 99293 AND STATE 201152 IN 1976, THAT OUR POSITION IS SO DIFFERENT FROM THE GOS POSITION IN TERMS OF SIZE AND PERMANENCE OF ESTABLISHMENT AND WORLD-WIDE NEEDS THAT OUR DIFFERING NEEDS REMAIN DEFENSIBLE IN NEGOTIATING CONTEXT. VANCE

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